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3127 Laclede Avenue  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Address: 3127 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, St. Louis City  
County, Missouri.

Present Owner: Land Clearance Authority, 2031 Olive Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: Typical speculative builder's house of 1880's  
and the boyhood home of George McManus, Jr.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Built by Mrs. Ellenora  
M. McEwing. Sold in 1890 to George McManus, Sr.,  
treasurer of Grand Opera House.
2. Date of erection: 1884.
3. Source of information: Missouri Historical Society  
Necrology Scrapbook, Volume 24, p. 156, 158.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Boyhood  
home of George McManus, Jr., famous cartoonist. Creator  
of "Bringing Up Father," "Jiggs and Maggie," "Snookums,"  
"Let George Do It," etc. Later worked on St. Louis Republic  
before going on to New York World where he achieved fame.

C. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Papers of the late  
George McManus of New York City.

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Landmarks Inc. Association  
of St. Louis - May 1960.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: Typical two-story, brick builder's house of the 1880's, with interiors influenced by designs of Sir Charles L. Eastlake.
2. Condition of fabric: Good

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Two-story brick town house, 20' (3 bays) wide.
2. Foundations: Stone
3. Wall construction: Brick. Street elevation is faced with stone now painted yellow.
4. Chimneys: One in main section of house.
5. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: Modern replacements.
  - b. Windows and shutters: Double hung windows with single light sash. Interior shutters.
6. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Flat with built-up tar and gravel covering.
  - b. Cornice: Heavy-bracketed wood cornice on facade, brick parapet walls on the sides.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Side hall house of "frying pan" town house type. Rooms arranged around a side entrance-stair hall.
2. Stairways: Open string, straight run, wood stairs with molded hand rail and turned and faceted balusters and newel.
3. Flooring: Hardwood
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster
5. Doorways and doors. Four paneled wood doors in molded doorways.

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6. Trim: Molded wood trim used sparingly.
7. Hardware: Agate doorknobs.
8. Lighting: Electric.
9. Heating: Central hot air plus fireplaces.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: Main facade faces south. Town house about five feet from neighbors with small front yard.
2. Enclosures: Rough limestone retaining wall in front, about three feet high.
3. Walks, driveways, etc. Concrete

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